

REMARKS

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough consideration provided the present application. Claims 1-6 and 8-25 are now present in the application. The title and claims 1-3 and 11 have been amended. Claims 14-25 have been added. Claim 7 has been cancelled. Claims 1 and 14 are independent. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Specification Objections

The title has been objected to due to its non-descriptiveness. In view of the foregoing amendments, in which the Examiner's helpful suggestions have been followed, it is respectfully submitted that this objection has been addressed. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 2, 3, 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection has been addressed. Applicants also respectfully submit that the term "an enterprise end" is recited in original claim 1 to provide sufficient antecedent basis for claims 1 and 13. Accordingly, all pending claims are now definite and clear. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silver, *"Inventory Management and Production Planning and Scheduling"*, 3rd Ed., 1998. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In light of the foregoing amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that this rejection has been obviated and/or rendered moot. As the Examiner will note, independent claim 1 has been amended to recite a combination of elements including "generating an actual purchase order through the material requirements planning server, wherein the actual purchase order is stored on a storage media with a marker to avoid being repeatedly calculated while the actual order is being processed the next time." Applicants respectfully submit that the above combination of elements as set forth in amended independent claim 1 is not disclosed nor suggested by the reference relied on by the Examiner.

The Examiner alleged that Silver on pages 602, 605 and 606 discloses generating an actual purchase order through the material requirements planning server as recited in claim 1. However, Applicants respectfully submit that Silver nowhere discloses that the actual purchase order is stored on a storage media with a marker to avoid being repeatedly calculated while the actual order is being processed the next time.. Accordingly, Silver fails to teach "generating an actual purchase order through the material requirements planning server, wherein the actual purchase order is stored on a storage media with a marker to avoid being repeatedly calculated while the actual order is being processed the next time" as recited in amended claim 1.

Since Silver fails to teach each and every limitation of amended independent claim 1, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and its dependent claims clearly define over the

teachings of Silver. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

Additional Claims

Additional claims 14-25 have been added for the Examiner's consideration.

Applicant respectfully submits that the combination of elements as set forth in new independent claim 14 is not disclosed or suggested by the reference relied on by the Examiner.

In addition, claims 15-25 depend, either directly or indirectly, from new independent claim 14, and are therefore allowable based on their respective dependence from new independent claim 14, which is believed to be allowable.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 14-25 are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Since the remaining patents cited by the Examiner have not been utilized to reject the claims, but merely to show the state of the prior art, no further comments are necessary with respect thereto.

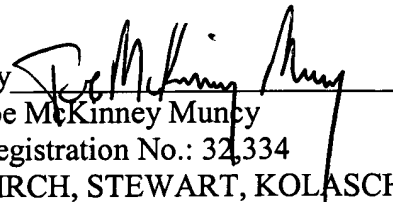
It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the Office Action, and that as such, the Examiner is respectfully requested to send the application to Issue.

In the event there are any matters remaining in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Joe McKinney Muncy, Registration No. 32,334 at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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